

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 10, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the work session was to conference call with Architect Mike Parker of SP Design Group on the Sheriff's Office expansion and new EMS station; to hear from Economic Development Director Joe Filippone; to hear a report on local legislation regarding Redistricting and Board of Elections & Registration; to discuss the purchase of a meal delivery vehicle for the Senior Center and review the draft February 2022 Agenda.

The Board held a conference call with Mike Parker from SP Design Group concerning the expansion of the Sheriff's Office and new EMS Station. The County should have the contract documents on the EMS Station within 30 days. Mr. Parker suggested the County proceed to bid both projects without a Construction Management at Risk when the USDA approves the application for the EMS Station.

Economic Development Director Joe Filippone reported the Great Wall Chinese Restaurant is closing and the building will be for lease or sale. The new liquor store will be opening in April or May. Mr. Filippone requested an estimate on the construction of a road into the Ailey Industrial Park. Mr. Filippone will have a diagram of the road for the Commissioners to review.

Recreation Director Kendall Bennamon will get a quote on a new pitching machine.

County Manager Brandon Braddy informed the Board that three new employees were hired in the Road Department: Melena Weeks, Jaron Phillips, and James O'Neal.

The Board reviewed the December 2021 financial statement.

The Board will request progress reports of the installation of broadband from Altamaha EMC.

The Board is still waiting for approval on a USDA grant for an air compressor for Rural Fire and mower heads for the Road Department.

The redistricting plan has been approved by the House and Senate and is now waiting for Governor Kemp to sign.

County Manager Brandon Braddy obtained a quote for a meal delivery vehicle from Woody Folsom on a 2022 Ford Escape for \$27,800.00 and a Ford Explorer Interceptor for \$36,000.00 . The Board requested to seek quotes for a lesser amount. Manager Braddy will continue to look for a meal delivery vehicle for a lesser amount.

The Board reviewed the proposed February Agenda which includes Air Evac membership; Approval of GIS1 contracts for the Board of Registrars and Board of Tax Assessors; and approval of SP Designs as the Architects for the Sheriff's Office expansion and new EMS Station.

The work session ended at 7:00 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday February 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, and Clarence Thomas.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order.

The invocation was led by Thomas, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The agenda was amended to add the purchase of a tractor for the road department under New Business on a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the January 6, 2022 work session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the January 10, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the January 25, 2022 work session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the January 10, 2022 Executive Session were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kenney, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Evans from the Greater Vidalia Area Chamber reported on upcoming events including the ribbon cutting for the Chick-fil-a Food Truck on February 15, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Milton Fountain, County Works Director, reported the courthouse portico was repaired. However, the portico will eventually need to be replaced in a few years. The road department is using a loaner backhoe, and a loaner grader will be here by the end of the week. The Alamo boom mower and tractor ran for about two hours when the valve body started leaking. It will cost about \$2,500.00 to replace the valve body. The International dump truck ran about one week and now needs new harnesses. The road department has three new hires. There will be cold patch placed on Bear Creek Road to make it passable until Hooks Construction Company repairs the road. Wider flashing will be placed on top of the tax offices to prevent leaking.

Manager Braddy reviewed and discussed the monthly financial reports with the Board.

Manager Braddy reviewed and discussed the following consent agenda with the Board:

- Approval of Air Med Care Network agreement to protect county employees from financial burden in transported by an air ambulance.
- Approval of GIS1,LLC Consulting Contract to perform GIS services for the Montgomery County Board of Registrars.
- Approval of GIS1,LLC Consulting Contract to perform mapping maintenance for the Montgomery County Board of Tax Assessors.
- Approval of SP Design Group Architects & Engineers, Inc. Architectural Services Contract dated January 13, 2022 to perform architectural services for renovation and modification of the Sheriff's Office in response to the public health emergency.
- Approval of SP Design Group Architects & Engineers, Inc. Architectural Services Contract dated January 13, 2022 to perform architectural services for the construction of a new Emergency Medical Services building.

On a motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Morris the Board approved the consent agenda unanimously.

Under New Business, the Board agreed to purchase a John Deere 6135E Cab tractor from Lasseter Tractor Company for \$78,300.00. Motion carried unanimously. This will be paid for from the Capital Projects Fund.

Under Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Thomas wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm on a motion by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Kenney. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION FEBRUARY 24, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, Clarence Thomas, and Tim Williamson.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss requests from Al Manning and Charles Carter to waive penalties from breach of Conservation Use Covenants and to review and discuss the renewal of the County's health insurance benefit.

Chief Tax Appraiser Julie Adams explained how penalties are assessed when a conservation use breach of covenant occurs. Al Manning and Charles Carter have requested a waiver of penalties levied due to a breach of the conservation use covenant. Each of these taxpayers informed the Board in writing they never received a notice of the breach.

Josh Bean from Partners Benefit Group zoomed in the meeting to discuss the County's employee health insurance renewal. The Board reviewed renewal quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, and DIYBS (First Health).

The Board scheduled a called meeting on Monday February 28, 2022 at 12:00 noon to decide on the health insurance plan renewal.

The work session ended at 6:30 pm.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Members present were Leland Adams, Chad Kenney, Ginger Morris, and Tim Williamson. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the County's health insurance benefit proposal from Partners Benefit Group and to approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Senior Citizens Center.

After reviewing quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna and DIYBS, Commissioner Morris made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kenney to accept the quote from DIYBS on the employee health insurance. The premium for each employee covered will be \$494.01 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Kenney the Board approved the purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox from Webster Motor Company for \$21,838.00. The vehicle will be assigned to the Senior Citizens Center to deliver meals to the center's clients. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm.